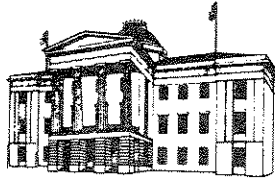


# State of North Carolina



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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 80 ACCELERATING TEACHER AND OTHER PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEEDED ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN IN LIGHT OF JUDICIAL MANDATES, BUDGET DEVELOPMENTS, AND IMPENDING SCHOOL OPENINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 General Assembly enacted S.L. 124, "The Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2004" (hereinafter the Act), which was signed into law on July 20, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2005 General Assembly enacted H.B. 1631, which keeps state government operating through August 5, 2005, and which provides additional funding for enrollment increases and which was signed into law on July 19, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, in the budget adjustments submitted to the General Assembly for the 2005-06 fiscal year, I recommended funding to meet the increased operation costs of our public schools while providing for the needs of disadvantaged students; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools across the state must plan now for their opening in a few weeks, and the state court monitoring of North Carolina's effort to ensure a sound, basic education for every student continues; and

**WHEREAS**, in the school funding lawsuit, known as *Leandro*, the Court stated that at a minimum every school must be provided the resources necessary to support an effective instructional program within that school so that the educational needs of all children, including at-risk children, can be met; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2005, the Court isolated the particular problems of meeting the needs of at-risk students in North Carolina's high schools and outlined the need for the state to bring together the "combined expertise, educators, resources, and money to fix the 'high school problem' so that the children attending those schools will be provided with the opportunity to obtain a sound, basic education;" and